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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 2034

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF LORENZ-DRENCKMANN TERRORISTS IN BERLIN;
ROLE OF FRG PROSECUTOR

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1. IN PARA 2 REFTEL (A), USBER RECOMMENDED THAT COORDINATED
BRITISH, FRENCH AND US ANSWERS TO LORENZ/DRENCKMANN
DEFENSE COUNSEL LETTERS (ALSO REPORTED REFTEL A) BE
PREPARED AND DISPATCHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BRITISH AND FRENCH BERLIN MISSIONS SHARE VIEW THAT
ANSWERS SHOULD BE COORDINATED. HOWEVER, THEY ALSO
BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT RUSH AN ANSWER. THEY BOTH
CONSIDER THAT WE NEED DEFINITIVE INFORMATION FROM
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FEDERAL PROSECUTOR ON HIS PLANS IN LORENZ/DRENCKMANN
CASE, BEFORE WE DEFEND IN PUBLIC THE LEGALITY OF HIS ACTIONS.

3. USBER SHARES CONCERN THAT FEDERAL PROSECUTOR MAY
VERY WELL ENGAGE IN FURTHER ACTIONS LEADING TO POLITICAL
DIFFICULTIES WITH SOCVIETS. WE DO NOT EXPECT HIM,
HOWEVER, TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIONS WHICH WE WOULD NOT

REGARD AS (OR BE ABLE TO CONSTRUE AS) LEGAL IN BERLIN.
ALSO, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT DEFENSE COUNSEL WOULD ONCE
AGAIN TURN TO THE PUBLIC. IF THEY MAKE PUBLIC THEIR
LETTERS TO THE COMMANDANTS AND WE HAVE NOT YET
AGREED TO AN ANSWER (AND THUS HAVE NOTHING TO
DRAW FROM FOR PRESS GUIDANCE) OUR "NO COMMENTS" OR
"WE ARE STUDYING THE MATTER" RESPONSES COULD READILY
BE INTERPRETED BY PRESS AS SIGN OF ALLIED DOUBTS
CONCERNING LEGALITY OF FEDERAL PROSECUTOR'S ACTIONS.

4. ACCORDINGLY, USBER REPEATS REQUEST THAT BONN GROUP
PREPARE ON URGENT BASIS COORDINATED RESPONSE TO DEFENSE
COUNSEL LETTERS; OR FAILING THAT, THAT THEY PREPARE
PRESS GUIDANCE IN THE EVENT PRESS SOLICITS OUR VIEWS
ON CONTENTS OF LETTERS. GEORGE

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